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The mosaics were designed as lino cuts by **Stuart Evans** from Ceredigion Museum and then translated into patterns for mosaics by community artist Pod Clare. Workshops were then held with various groups to produce the mosaics. The finished mosaics have been placed along the castle walls from South Beach to the covered stand and depict key periods in the castle's history.

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Ann Colson from USA

Thomas Bushell and I are descended from Sir Alan Bushell of Broadmarston, Gloucester, England. Thomas was secretary to Sir Francis Bacon and created the Grotto in Oxford, among other achievements. The Aberystwyth Castle Mosaics project is impressive indeed - congratulations to all involved!

Wed May 31 09:35:41 2006

Michael Jones, Penparcau, Aberystwyth

The town council were very happy to support this venture, and long may we contribute in the future.

Mon May 15 09:37:56 2006

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Castle built

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1277

Aberystwyth Castle was built for King Edward I, to secure dominance over Welsh Prince Llywellyn ap Gruffydd. Castles were also built at Builth Wells, Flint and Rhuddlan at this time.

Mosaic produced by Gorwelion Resource Centre

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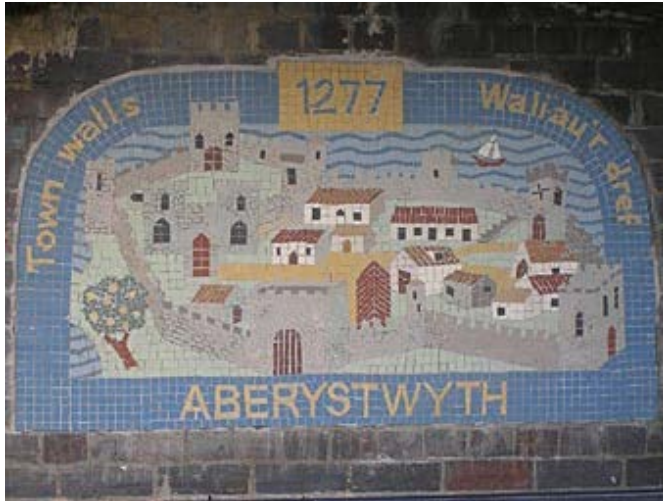
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Town walls

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1277 - 1290

Aberystwyth Castle and town walls are built at the cost of £4,300, a huge sum at the time.

Mosaic produced by Canolfan Padarn

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Owain Glyndwr captures the castle

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1404 - 1408

Welsh Prince Owain Glyndwr attacks the small garrison holding Aberystwyth Castle and captures the castle. He held it until 1408.

Mosaic by Borth Youth Group

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Treaty with France

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1405

Owain Glyndwr signs a treaty with the King of France at Aberystwyth Castle.

Mosaic produced by Penparcau After School Club

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The Royal Mint

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1637

Thomas Bushell obtains a licence from King Charles I to mint coins made of local silver at Aberystwyth Castle. The castle is held for the King.

Mosaic produced by Cardiganshire Arts Society

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Civil War

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1644

Civil War results in Cromwell's army besieging the castle. It was destroyed on his orders in 1649.

Mosaic produced by 'Dim Prob' student volunteers.

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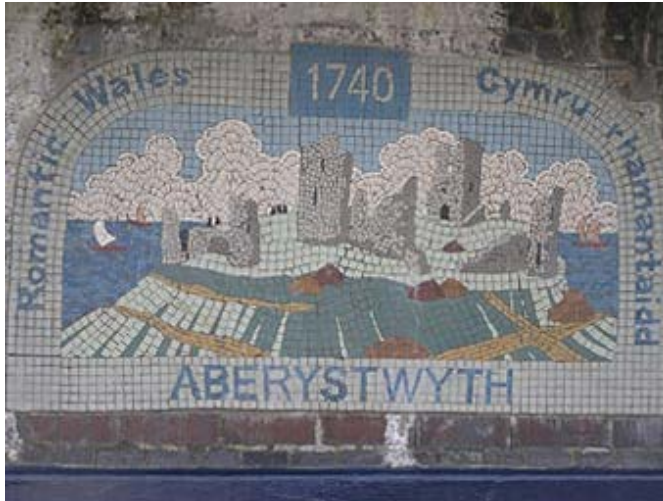
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Romantic Wales

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1740

Some of the earliest 'tourists' arrive in Aberystwyth and view the castle as a Romantic ruin.

Mosaic produced by Aberystwyth Day Centre

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The National Eisteddfod

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1915

The Welsh National Eisteddfod place the 13 Gorsedd stones in the centre of Aberystwyth castle, one stone from each county.

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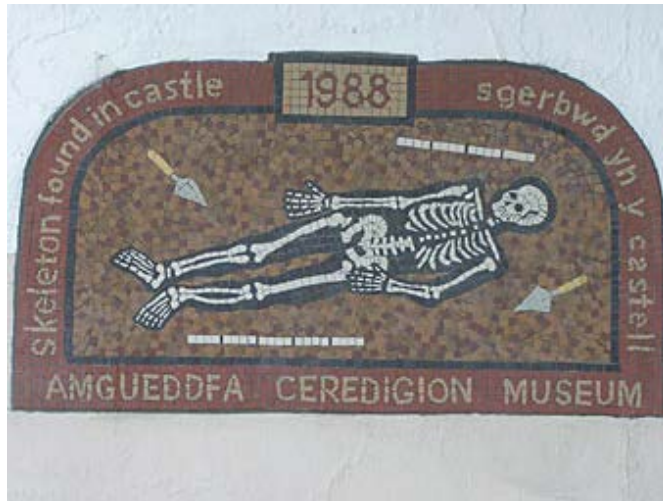
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Skeleton found in castle

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1988

A skeleton is dug up in the castle and is exhibited at Ceredigion Museum.

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